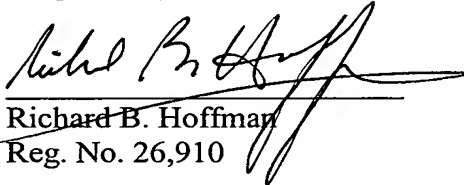


REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 1, 2003, the Applicant respectfully re-submits the claims presented in the Response to Restriction Requirement mailed on September 12, 2003. In addition, the Listing of Claims reflecting the elected claims has been corrected to now further include a recitation of each of the non-elected claims, preceded by "(withdrawn)".

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all deficiencies raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment have been addressed, and the elected claims as listed in the Listing of Claims of the present Response are in condition for substantive examination. It is believed that no fees are necessary at this time. However, in the event any fees are due, kindly charge the cost thereof to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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